

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 983

SENATE BILL NO. 2920

By Marrero, Ford, Harper, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2779

**By Cooper, Hardaway, Towns, Fraley, John Deberry, Coley, Gilmore,
Pruitt**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10,
relative to elementary and secondary schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is
amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated
section:

Section 49-6-1025.

(a) The course of instruction in all public schools for grades
kindergarten through eight shall include art and music education to help
each student foster creative thinking, spatial learning, discipline,
craftsmanship, and the intrinsic rewards of hard work.

(b) Local boards of education are encouraged to fully implement
the art and music curriculum adopted by the State Board of Education
through both art and music classes, as well as integration into other core
academic subjects.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare
requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR